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a nice little sum, is it not? It makes a good big deficit in the Post Office Department, too, and you have to help make it up. It is on account of this deficit that a committee of Congress was appointed to look into the second-class mail (newspapers and periodicals) situation and suggest a remedy. With the distinguished intelligence of most Congressional committees, this one, instead of suggesting that the chronic looting by the railroads be stopped, recommends that the second-class rate be increased four times! Furthermore, the Post Office is required to do all of the work for the Government for nothing. If the Government paid for the carrying of its mail, as you have to, the Post Office would receive for this work some \$19,000,000, or enough to pay the entire deficit and leave a balance of over \$4,000,000 to the good. The Post Office pays to the railroads the sum of \$45,000,000 for carrying the mails. If the railroads received exactly the same rates for this matter which they do for carrying express matter, the Government would save about \$30,000,000. In other words, the railroads are getting some \$30,000,000 to which they are not legitimately entitled. How do they manage it? The scheme is very simple. In the first place, our ever kind and thoughtful Congressmen allow a rate that is nearly three times the regular express rate; the express

rate is high enough to pay both the express companies and the roads enormous earnings. For instance, the express rate from New York to Chicago is \$1.25 a hundred; for carrying the mails, Congress allows the same roads to charge \$3.56 a hundred. The second portion of the scheme of pilfering is no less simple nor efficacious. The mail matter carried by all railroads in the United States is weighed for 60 or 90 days every three or four years, and it is assumed that this is a true average of the regular amount of mail carried. The railroads are paid on that basis. Very simple; yes, indeed. But again the philanthropic Congressmen, who love the railroads more than they do you, take this particular period as the one auspicious time at which to send out large quantities of government publications, seeds, etc., to their constituents. And of course these are franked, so the harm is two-fold; an unusual amount of mail matter is carried by the railroads at this particular time, and no postage is paid upon it. Simple? Why it is childishly so! In one month when the mails were being weighed, a single physician in San Francisco was favored with three sacks of government publications, weighing probably two hundred pounds.

As a result of this continuous and increasing robbery, the attention of many people has been drawn to the postal deficit; WHERE IS THE CURE? even the Postmaster-General has taken official cognizance of it and in his report, December, 1905, says:

"The most striking feature in postal administration at this time, aside, perhaps, from the considerable extension and cost of the Rural Free Delivery service, is the increasingly large amount paid to railroad companies for transportation of mails. Correspondence on file in the department, as well as frequent references in the public press, indicate that there is a widespread popular belief that this pay is extravagant."

Dr. Taylor of the *Medical World* has employed Frank Parsons, Esq., a distinguished member of the Boston bar, to prepare a brief on this subject and it is largely from that document we have derived the facts here set forth. He says:

"The railways charge the Government about three cents a pound for hauling second-class matter, according to Professor Adams, and eight cents according to Postmaster-General Wilson, but haul the same stuff for the express companies for less than a tenth of a cent a pound. And if the railways had any serious objection to such rates they would hardly have permitted them to continue all these years, but would have provided against them in their contracts with the express companies."

It is to be regretted that we can not print the entire brief of Mr. Parsons, but we think enough

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Univ. of Cal., S. F., Cal.	5, 16, 06	86	77	94 87 96 85 100 79 95 88 7-9
Univ. of Cal., S. F., Cal.	5, 16, 06	90	85	88 82 94 83 95 91 91 88 7-9
Univ. of Cal., S. F., Cal.	5, 16, 06	82	75	82 80 89 75 93 75 91 82 1-3
Univ. of Cal., S. F., Cal.	5, 16, 06	84	61	91 81 84 84 93 86 86 82 2-9
Univ. of Cal., S. F., Cal.	12, 7, 06	88	78	88 85 88 70 78 70 86 81 2-9
Univ. of Cal., S. F., Cal.	5, 17, 05	89	74	60 75 80 70 93 80 86 75 5-9
Univ. of So. Cal., L. A., Cal.	6, 14, 06	81	70	67 85 84 64 66 80 86 75 2-3
Chicago Homo. Med. Coll., Ill.	2, 19, 89	75	79	87 88 88 75 82 84 84 81 1-3
Coll. of P. and S., N. Y.	6, 10, 03	88	80	86 84 85 80 85 95 90 85 8-9
Harvard Univ. Med. Coll., Mass.	6, 26, 01	89	81	92 88 88 85 93 75 95 87 1-3
Harvard Univ. Med. Coll., Mass.	6, 26, 01	90	73	79 83 82 75 90 81 94 81 2-9
Harvard Univ. Med. Coll., Mass.	6, — 37	80	77	75 86 76 79 90 79 92 81 5-9
Hering Med. Coll., Ill.	4, 11, 03	78	65	67 90 72 60 78 90 85 76 1-9
Hosp. Coll. of Med., Ky.	6, 19, 94	81	83	62 84 89 65 66 60 87 75 2-9
Jefferson Med. Coll., Pa.	3, — 79	95	89	76 90 89 80 85 85 94 87
Jefferson Med. Coll., Pa.	3, — 79	79	75	76 77 69 73 68 85 80 75 1-3
Johns Hopkins Univ., Md.	6, — 06	88	72	76 82 76 76 90 80 80 80
Kentucky Sch. of Med., Ky.	7, — 06	79	68	76 82 84 61 85 82 87 78 2-9
McGill Univ., Montreal, Can.	6, — 03	91	74	77 80 76 81 95 95 95 83 8-9
Medical Coll. of Ohio.	10, 24, 96	93	89	79 80 90 93 96 83 90 88
Medical Coll. of Ohio.	4, 9, 97	90	74	85 88 78 71 62 97 87 81 1-3
N. W. Univ. Med. School, Ill.	6, 15, 05	89	80	77 91 97 80 96 80 90 86 2-3
N. W. Univ. Med. School, Ill.	6, 16, 04	88	82	76 82 94 84 93 73 91 83 2-3
N. W. Univ. Med. School, Ill.	6, 18, 03	80	86	68 73 94 70 64 75 87 77 4-9
N. W. Univ. Woman's Med. School, Ill.	6, — 99	85	79	75 81 93 67 75 62 81 77 5-9
Royal Coll. Surg., Eng., and Royal Coll. Phys., Ireland.	1, — 00	90	67	87 88 96 81 88 77 87 84 5-9
Royal Univ. of Turin, Italy.	7, 7, 05	87	68	70 81 71 90 61 72 75 75
Univ. of Kans.	3, 15, 92	86	76	73 87 96 68 93 75 95 83 2-9
Univ. of Penn.	6, — 97	90	84	73 92 97 87 80 83 91 86 1-9
Univ. of Va.	7, 2, 91	90	81	66 83 64 70 83 80 85 78
Univ. of Wurzburg, Germany.	7, — 03	86	67	69 78 63 75 90 67 83 75 1-3
Woman's Med. Coll., Pa.	5, 20, 03	88	77	76 73 77 72 78 81 92 79 1-3
	FAILED.	5, 15, 06	80	66 51 79 55 53 66 68 82 66 2-3
Coll. of P. and S., S. F., Cal.	6, 13, 05	79	68	71 79 84 76 66 40 79 71 1-3
Am. Coll. of M. and S., Ill.	5, 17, 06	78	62	43 77 71 60 51 80 82 67 1-9
Cincinnati Coll. of M. and S., O.	2, — 75	70	41	56 82 72 70 31 30 73 62 7-9
Coll. of P. and S., Chicago, Ill.	6, 16, 05	75	64	69 75 88 60 74 60 86 72 1-3
Coll. of P. and S., Chicago, Ill.	4, 14, 98	79	80	78 78 89 50 64 49 76 71
Coll. of P. and S., Chicago, Ill.	4, 13, 93	50	42	38 72 60 53 36 76 71 55 1-3
Coll. of P. and S., Keokuk, Iowa.	2, 26, 90	80	64	47 85 68 60 60 77 79 68 8-9
Denver Coll. of Med., Colo.	4, 16, 95	75	58	62 72 70 47 70 45 80 64 1-3
Imperial 1st Higher Med. Coll., Tokio, Japan.	12, 27, 92	65	48	54 84 65 35 29 42 79 55 2-3
Med. Coll. of Ohio.	3, 1, 82	52	54	60 74 67 35 51 32 53 53 1-9
Queen's University, Ont., Can.	4, 23, 88	62	56	50 63 75 55 49 26 78 58 1-9
Univ. of Louisville, Ky.	6, 29, 05	68	63	56 79 77 63 48 50 50 79 64 7-9
Univ. of Michigan.	7, 1, 86	79	63	— 83 75 60 58 52 70 60
Univ. of Tenn.	2, 22, 88	75	51	50 82 73 41 75 60 54 62 1-3

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